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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! CALL OUT TO WHITE PLAINS RESIDENTS

White Plains, NY – August 21, 2015. How would you like to see your home on the big screen? If you haven't noticed, the City of White Plains has become a popular venue for filming projects. White Plains has recently hosted crews from *Elementary, Madam Secretary, Sneaky Pete, Billions, Mr. Robot, and Blindspot*. In recent months, our library, restaurants on Mamaroneck Avenue, and homes in residential neighborhoods have all served as film sets in various productions.

The City of White Plains is considered to be strategically located within the "Studio Zone Radius." This means that film crews can film here and studios do not have to reimburse them for travel time or hotels, thus making filming in White Plains desirable and economical. Our diverse neighborhoods and eclectic architecture appeal to location scouts. Mayor Tom Roach, recognizing economic benefits said, "White Plains is perfectly suited for this nontraditional area of economic development because our city has neighborhoods, buildings, and open space that fit a variety of location needs. We have urban and suburban settings, interesting architecture, and we are, of course, easily accessible by car and train. We know that we live in a great city and now the world is seeing it." White Plains has streamlined its processes, and film crews find that working in White Plains is a positive experience."

The Mayor's office is compiling a database of homes that we can show to location scouts for consideration in future productions. We are also compiling a directory of craft services. If you would like your business to be listed as a source for craft services, such as catering, sound, tutoring or anything else a film crew might need, we will list your contact information in our directory. Please contact Jill Iannetta in the Mayor's office at (914) 422-1411 or jiannetta@whiteplainsny.gov for more information or to be included in the database and/or directory of craft services.